



**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
MCCREARY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 1999 TAXES
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 1999 UNMINED COAL TAXES**

MAY 31, 2000

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MCCREARY COUNTY REGAL BRUNER, SHERIFF SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 1999 TAXES AND UNMINED COAL TAXES

Audit Opinion:

We have issued an unqualified opinion in our independence auditor's report of the 1999 McCreary County Taxes and the 1999 McCreary County Unmined Coal Taxes.

As of May 31, 2000, the Sheriff owed a total of \$1,464 to various taxing districts and was due refunds of \$104 from others.

Financial Statements:

The net tax yield for the 1999 regular taxes was \$1,921,365 and the total regular taxes paid to the taxing districts was \$1,854,679. The net tax yield for the 1999 unmined coal taxes was \$797 and unmined coal taxes paid to the taxing districts was \$768.

Interest Income:

The McCreary County Sheriff earned \$3,003 as interest income on 1999 taxes. The Sheriff distributed the appropriate amount to the school district as required by statute, and the remainder will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

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To the People of Kentucky

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the McCreary County Sheriff's Settlement - 1999 Taxes as of May 31, 2000, and Sheriff's Settlement - 1999 Unmined Coal Taxes as of December 2, 1999. These tax settlements are the responsibility of the McCreary County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted Government Auditing Standards and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Sheriff prepares his financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the McCreary County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of May 31, 2000, and December 2, 1999, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated November 1, 2000, on our consideration of the Sheriff's compliance with certain laws and regulations and internal control over financial reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.

Auditor of Public Accounts

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November 1, 2000

MCCREARY COUNTY
REGAL BRUNER, SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 1999 TAXES

May 31, 2000

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Real Estate	\$ 243,914	\$ 378,629	\$ 728,155	\$ 265,691
Tangible Personal Property	17,056	13,294	52,799	64,036
Intangible Personal Property				11,831
Additional Billings	713	1,113	2,127	776
Fire Protection	1,174			
Franchise Corporation	57,823	81,847	175,968	
Oil, Gas, and Undeveloped Properties	760	364	1,308	477
Increased Through Erroneous Assessments	166	259	495	180
Penalties	3,425	5,214	10,158	3,883
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt	(609)	(491)	(1,789)	(654)
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	<u>\$ 324,422</u>	<u>\$ 480,229</u>	<u>\$ 969,221</u>	<u>\$ 346,220</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Discounts	\$ 3,188	\$ 4,747	\$ 9,492	\$ 4,097
Exonerations	4,196	6,350	12,365	4,508
Delinquents:				
Real Estate	22,384	34,621	66,823	24,359
Tangible Personal Property	244	217	444	671
Intangible Personal Property				21
Total Credits	<u>\$ 30,012</u>	<u>\$ 45,935</u>	<u>\$ 89,124</u>	<u>\$ 33,656</u>
Net Tax Yield	\$ 294,410	\$ 434,294	\$ 880,097	\$ 312,564
Less: Commissions *	<u>12,800</u>	<u>12,163</u>	<u>26,403</u>	<u>13,571</u>
Net Taxes Due	\$ 281,610	\$ 422,131	\$ 853,694	\$ 298,993
State Penalty Added				31
Taxes Paid	281,138	421,952	852,827	298,762
Credit For Commissions Per KRS 134.290				231
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	<u>28</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>31</u>
Due Districts or (Refunds Due Sheriff)		**		
as of Completion of Fieldwork	<u>\$ 444</u>	<u>\$ 134</u>	<u>\$ 782</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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MCCREARY COUNTY
 REGAL BRUNER, SHERIFF
 SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 1999 TAXES
 May 31, 2000
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* Commissions:

10% on	\$	10,000
4.25% on	\$	837,582
3% on	\$	880,097
1% on	\$	193,686

** Special Taxing Districts:

Library District	\$	119
Health District		68
Soil Conservation District		37
North McCreary Fire District		7
Central McCreary Fire District		6
South McCreary Fire District		(54)
Eagle-Sawyer Fire District		1
West McCreary Fire District		(50)

Due Districts or (Refunds Due Sheriff)	\$	<u>134</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

MCCREARY COUNTY
 REGAL BRUNER, SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 1999 UNMINED COAL TAXES

December 2, 1999

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Sheriff's Official Receipt for Unmined Coal	\$ 209	\$ 100	\$ 360	\$ 131
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	\$ 209	\$ 100	\$ 360	\$ 131
<u>Credits</u>				
Discounts	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 1	\$ 1
Total Credits	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 1	\$ 1
Net Tax Yield	\$ 208	\$ 100	\$ 359	\$ 130
Less: Commissions *	9	4	11	5
Net Taxes Due	\$ 199	\$ 96	\$ 348	\$ 125
Taxes Paid	199	96	348	125
Due Districts as of Completion of Fieldwork	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

* Commissions:

4.25% on	\$	438
3% on	\$	359

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

MCCREARY COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

May 31, 2000

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of May 31, 2000, the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name, or provided surety bond which named the Sheriff as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

MCCREARY COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
May 31, 2000
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Note 3. Property Taxes

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 1999. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2000. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was October 19, 1999 through May 31, 2000.

1999 Unmined Coal Taxes

The tangible property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 1999. Property taxes are billed to finance governmental services. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was November 24, 1999 through December 2, 1999.

Note 4. Interest Income

The McCreary County Sheriff earned \$3,003 as interest income on 1999 taxes. The Sheriff distributed the appropriate amount to the school district as required by statute, and the remainder will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the McCreary County Sheriff's Settlement - 1999 Taxes as of May 31, 2000, and Sheriff's Settlement - 1999 Unmined Coal Taxes as of December 2, 1999. We have issued our report thereon dated November 1, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the McCreary County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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This report is intended for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party. However, this report, upon release by the Auditor of Public Accounts, is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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